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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5, 1999

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Employees
3 Health Benefits Children’s Equity Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND**
5 **FAMILY.**

6 Section 8905 of title 5, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
9 subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(f)(1)(A) An unenrolled employee who is required by
13 a court or administrative order to provide health insurance
14 coverage for a child who meets the requirements of section
15 8901(5) may enroll for self and family coverage in a health
16 benefits plan under this chapter.

17 “(B) The employing agency of an employee described
18 under subparagraph (A) shall enroll the employee in a self
19 and family enrollment in the option which provides the
20 lower level of coverage under the service benefit plan if
21 the employee—

22 “(i) fails to enroll for self and family coverage
23 in a health benefits plan that provides full benefits
24 and services in the location in which the child re-
25 sides; and

1 “(ii) does not provide documentation dem-
2 onstrating that the required coverage has been pro-
3 vided through other health insurance.

4 “(2)(A) An employee who is enrolled as an individual
5 in a health benefits plan under this chapter and who is
6 required by a court or administrative order to provide
7 health insurance coverage for a child who meets the re-
8 quirements of section 8901(5) may change to a self and
9 family enrollment in—

10 “(i) the health benefits plan in which the em-
11 ployee is enrolled; or

12 “(ii) another health benefits plan under this
13 chapter.

14 “(B) The employing agency of an employee described
15 under subparagraph (A) shall change the enrollment of
16 the employee to a self and family enrollment in the plan
17 in which the employee is enrolled if—

18 “(i) such plan provides full benefits and services
19 in the location where the child resides; and

20 “(ii) the employee—

21 “(I) fails to change to a self and family en-
22 rollment; and

23 “(II) does not provide documentation dem-
24 onstrating that the required coverage has been
25 provided through other health insurance.

1 “(C) The employing agency of an employee described
2 under subparagraph (A) shall change the coverage of the
3 employee to a self and family enrollment in the option
4 which provides the lower level of coverage under the serv-
5 ice benefit plan if—

6 “(i) the plan in which the employee is enrolled
7 does not provide full benefits and services in the lo-
8 cation in which the child resides; or

9 “(ii) the employee fails to change to a self and
10 family enrollment in a plan that provides full bene-
11 fits and services in the location where the child re-
12 sides.

13 “(3)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), an employee
14 who is subject to a court or administrative order described
15 under this section may not discontinue the self and family
16 enrollment in a plan that provides full benefits and serv-
17 ices in the location in which the child resides for the period
18 that the court or administrative order remains in effect
19 if the child meets the requirements of section 8901(5) dur-
20 ing such period.

21 “(B) Enrollment described under subparagraph (A)
22 may be discontinued if the employee provides documenta-
23 tion demonstrating that the required coverage has been
24 provided through other health insurance.”.

1 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ANNU-**
2 **ITY SUPPLEMENT COMPUTATION.**

3 Section 8421a(b) of title 5, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
5 graph:

6 “(5) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through
7 (4), the reduction required by subsection (a) shall be
8 effective during the 12-month period beginning on
9 the first day of the seventh month after the end of
10 the calendar year in which the excess earnings were
11 earned.”.

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